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ABSTRACT

Noting the importance of establishing a cooperative relationship with a school-age child before he or she reaches high school, this guide is designed to assist parents of grade 4-8 students in helping their children establish good learning habits and complete homework assignments, while promoting active, lifelong learning. The guide's introduction highlights the parent's role in student learning and the importance of organization and efficient study methods. The "Learning Habits Checklist" may be used to identify areas needing improvement. Chapter 1 of the guide, "The Organization Tools," details the use of the Daily Assignment Planner, the monthly calendar, and the weekly schedule, and contains activities to facilitate their use. Chapter 2, "The Reading Tools," describes the "read it and own it" strategy for improving reading comprehension. Chapter 3, "The Practice Tools," presents methods for making studying fast and efficient, including flash cards and sorting boxes to separate material students know from that they need to learn. Chapter 4, "The Writing Tools," presents the writing organizer and library paper builder to guide students through writing assignments. Chapter 5, "The Analysis Tools," provides tools to help students examine study techniques and analyze test performance to improve on future tests. Chapter 6, "Add Your Own Tools," contains several suggestions for developing learning tools such as strategies for improving associational learning; correcting homework, test preparation, and note-taking. The guide's appendix includes a learning habits checklist, daily assignment planner, weekly schedule, and forms that can be copied for use. Also contains activities for students in grades 1-3 throughout the guide. (KB)

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